

SCT also grants the concessions required for the provision by private firms of the following telecommunications services:

- Radio and television broadcasting
- Public telephone services
- Common radiotelephones
- Mobile radiotelephones (incl. cellular telephone services)
- Cable television
- Continuous music
- Paging systems

Additionally it grants permits for the following services:

- Studio links (plant for broadcasting stations)
- Remote mobile transmissions of radio and TV stations
- Private data communications system
- Private radio telephone
- Mobile aeronautic
- Mobile marine
- Civil band
- Amateur radio
- Private telephone line service with links to the national network and point to point with border crossing

TELMEX provides voice, sound, data and text transmission services and has the exclusive right to install, maintain and operate the public telephone network on a national basis, and to provide public local, national and long distance telephone service. TELMEX is also able to offer fax and other transmission services (including data).

3.1 SECRETARIAT OF COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSPORTATION

The National Development Program for the 1989-1994 period stresses the importance of telecommunications for Mexico's sustained growth and development in all areas of the economy. SCT is looking to increase private investments in the telecommunications sector in order to expand and modernize the existing network and services. Quality and efficiency are being stressed, together with increased competition. Tariffs levied on different telecommunications services have and will continue to be brought into those charged in other countries. The regulatory framework will be reviewed to allow for increased private sector participation and to guarantee legal security to participants in this sector.

Among the most pressing problems identified by SCT that need to be resolved are the following:

- digitalizing the local trunk cable network by 65% and installing 4,000 kms. of optic fibres;
- expansion of the satellite communications network;
- overhauling of the present tariff schedule for services;